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Track Prospects.

The enthusiasm and determination shown by the track candidates makes the captain confident of a winning, and the management of a paying, track team this spring. The interest of the spectators is divided about equally between baseball and track in the afternoon, but in the morning the track men have the field to themselves, for their enterprise and determination get some of them out before most common folk have awakened.

Altho Hamilton has no veteran sprinters of very good record, there are several candidates who are showing up well enough to look promising. As for the distance men, we need have no fear. Several good runners from last year's team remain with us, and the new material ought to make good, and give the old timers a good run to keep up. Our vaulters and jumpers were more than able to hold their own last year, and here, also, the new material ought to be able to help win all the points. In the weights it must be owned, the team is not strong, there is, however, no cause to lose hope in this branch by any means.

The management has made out a good schedule, in fact, the best one which the track team has had in several years. There are four meets scheduled: The interclass for May 9th, a triangular meet with Colgate and Rutgers, May 18th, in Utica, the intercollegiate with Colgate, Rochester and probably Union, and a dual meet with Rochester in Auburn, June 8th.

—Crook has been secured as the football coach for the season of 1907. Mr. Crook graduates from Amherst this year.

HAMILTON WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Robert Maxwell Scoon Captures New York State's 1907 Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University.

On March 23rd Robert Maxwell Scoon, of Geneva, and a member of this year's Senior class, was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship. Under the terms of the bequest of the late Cecil Rhodes examinations were held at New York, Albany, Ithaca, and Rochester, the first an examination in mathematics, Greek and Latin. The successful contestants in this examination, of whom there were seven, including men from Harvard, Cornell, Colgate and Rochester, then appeared in person before the State Committee at Albany to submit letters of recommendation and certificates of scholastic standing and athletic ability.

The committee consisted of Presidents A. V. Raymond, of Union University, Rush Rhees, of the University of Rochester, and David W. Hearn, of the College of St. Francis Xavier, and Howard J. Rogers, assistant commissioner of the State Department of Education. The committee announced that in making their selection they were "guided by the mental and moral equipment of the candidates and by their proficiency in athletics, these conditions being specially mentioned in the Rhodes bequest."

The alternates are Charles D. Heaton, of Rochester, and Francis A. Lyons, of Colgate. The other eligible candidates were Bernard Campbell, New York City; Charles J. Costello, Buffalo; Leslie K. Richardson, Little Falls, and Henry H. Rowland, of Rochester.

The Rhodes Scholarship provides

three hundred pounds sterling per year for a three years' course at Oxford University, Oxford, England. There are about twenty-two different courses or colleges in the University, the oldest founded in the year 1249, and each college is in a separate building, having its own social life similar to fraternity life of Hamilton.

Mr. Scoon will leave for Oxford in September and will take up a course in philosophy.

Hamilton is mighty proud of Mr. Scoon's success. For the past year he has been the president of the Y. M. C. A. He has held high honor rank during preceding years and was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key at the beginning of this college year. He has debated on his class team both Junior and Senior years and has taken active part in track athletics. Admission to the Pentagon, the Senior honor society, was granted him last year for his ability as an all-around college man.

LIFE and the college congratulate him heartily and wish him the best of success in his new field.

The Interclass Debate.

Contrary to precedent the interclass debate was postponed until the very last of winter term, and altho it now is ancient history, it has to be duly chronicled. Holding the debate at such a late period is not a good precedent to establish, and the college should attempt to have the date for the affair set very early in winter term. Under

chief reliance will after all be in the great ethical and rational advance of a whole people toward social solidarity.

"There are many evidences that this surface defilement which everywhere appears does not touch the springs of American character. Every year the evidence grows that the rank and file of American people more and more see things as they are. The charm of dishonest success is broken.

"The people have great confidence in Gov. Hughes. If you schoolmasters have done your work well, Gov. Hughes will win. If day by day in every part of this great commonwealth, in every hamlet, town and city, you have been honestly training the electorate of New York in intelligence, conscience, and self control, and have been fitting them for true self-government, then you have moulded a body of public opinion that will rise to the defense of the principles for which the Governor stands."

port these premises in a logical manner which was convincing to the audience. Both teams showed that they had worked hard in their preparation, but the Junior team plainly worked together more than the Seniors, and on the basis of team work and coherent argument eclipsed the Senior team. Nineteen-seven thus breaks even on its class debates, having now from Nineteen-six, but lost to Nineteen-eight.

Dr. Stryker Returns

After an absense of seven weeks President Stryker has returned from his European trip. The college has missed him during his vacation and the warmth of the greeting tendered him Thursday morning showed how glad the fellows were to have him back. If appearance form any criterion on which to base judgment, the trip certainly agreed with "Prex," for he looks as if he enjoyed every moment of it. After chapel the college gave a yell for "Prex" and a speech. Both were immediately forthcoming and the brief remarks were as forceful as ever. Another yell thanked him for the speech, and the broad smile on

every man's face showed how well they had been appreciated.

Dr. Stryker sailed from New York direct to Paris by the Holland-American line. After a short stay in Paris, Dr. Stryker and his family journeyed thru nothern Italy, visiting Venice, Florence, and Milan on the way. Thru the Saint Gothard tunnel they went to Lucerne, where they remained some time. Returning to Paris, Dr. Stryker sailed for home about ten days ago, arriving in New York the first of this week. His family will remain in Europe nearly all summer, sailing late in July.

Flag Row.

Spring term opened last Wednesday with the usual flag row between the two lower classes. Six inches of snow together with the mud added to a great degree to the enjoyment of the occasion. During the night the Freshmen succeeded in putting their flag on the pole. In the morning as they were there in greater numbers the Sophomores were unable to get it down. Some one then produced a shot gun but there was no one who could hit the rope. The row was called off at 7 o'clock, the Freshmen being declared the victors.

U. F. A.-Hamilton Track Meet.

Two weeks from today, May 4, at 2:30 sharp in the afternoon, the track team of the Utica Free Academy and the Hamilton Freshmen will meet on Steuben Field to fight out the customary gamut of track and field events. The Uticans have been making thoro and extended preparations, and boast of a fast team. As for the Freshman team, ask any Freshman who knows, and they all think they do, and you will be convinced that the meet will be worth seeing. Save the date and see a good, lively contest.

—There will probably be a regular musical association formed in the near future to take the place of the present uncentralized arrangement.

Among the Colleges.

The University of Nebraska has increased her enrollment by 800 within the last six years.

Lacrosse is played at Northwestern University as a substitute for football.

The University of Pennsylvania will hold its thirteenth annual intercollegiate and interscholastic relay race on April 27th.

Cornell has 3,442 students enrolled this year.

Harvard's enrollment shows an increase of 265 students for this year, while Yale only shows an increase of 39.

A new building, known as Hamilton Hall, has recently been opened to the students of Columbia.

Chicago and Michigan will hold a dual track meet in the spring.

Thirty-seven out of fifty-two football captains for next season play in the back field.

Harvard this year won the thirteenth victory over Yale in their seventeenth annual debate.

Lehigh University is building a dormitory, commons and mess-hall at a cost of \$250,000

Amherst was victorious over Williams and Wesleyan in the Triangular Debating League, of New England.

Brown University library has recently been increased by an addition of 3,000 volumes.

The University of Minnesota is to spend \$600,000 in enlarging and improving the Campus.

The honor system has been established at the Cornell Law School.

—The banquet of the Central New York Hamilton Alumni Association was held at Bagg's Hotel, Utica, last evening. Hon. A. B. Weaver, the president of the association, acted as toastmaster. A large number were present, including some of the upper-classmen undergraduates.

—Morgan, '08, will not return to college.

—The following alumni have been on the Hill recently: Melrose, J. D. Clark, Garvey, '06, Wright, '05, Lown, '04, Durkee, '03, Everett, '95.

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WITH THIS ISSUE OF LIFE, the new Board makes its bow to the college and alumni. There will be no marked deviation from the policy of the paper as pursued in previous years. Primarily the Board wishes to impress upon the students and alumni that the paper is published essentially for them. The editors are always ready and glad to consider any communication which may come to them, from whatever source. All those so deserving, will receive due recognition. No publication such as this, can be a success unless it receive the hearty support of all those who may be concerned in its welfare. The Board is not omniscient and frequently overlooks matter that may be of importance. If every man in college and every member of the faculty will just consider himself a member of the Board *ex officio* and turn over to the paper such news items as may come to his notice, the management of the paper will be relieved of much arduous work, and the efficiency of the sheet, as a means of conveying news, very sensibly increased. We ask your personal aid and support—the rest lies with you.

THE PAST VACATION witnessed an event which marks an epoch in the historical development of the college life, namely, the successful Easter trip of the Musical Clubs. This organization by its very nature is more representative of the college than any other organization which the college body can send out, and when thru the energetic efforts of their leaders these clubs can take such a trip as this last one, both the men of the clubs and their leaders deserve the earnest admiration of every son of the college. Such a trip was all an experiment this year, but it was carried out gloriously. The concerts, wherever given, were a success, the men acted as gentlemen, and more than all the rest, the trip paid for itself and made a little money besides. The best commentary on the season is the following letter from an alumnus to one of the members of the faculty:

"The Hamilton boys have been here and gone, and I am very sure that the college has acquired a standing and reputation in this old place that it never had before, and we Hamilton men are all proud of the boys, and of the college. The concert was all we could ask from the artistic point of view, everyone was delighted with it, and the boys have established their reputation as gentlemen, every one of them. They were entertained in fourteen different families, and I have made it a point to see or telephone every one of them, and from each has come the same answer, that they were the nicest crowd of boys they had ever seen together, and that individually they were all right. It was a rather serious proposition to invite 36 fellows to become guests of your friends, when you did not know a single one of the men. It turned out all right, however, and if they wanted to come again tomorrow, I should have difficulty in meeting all the calls I should have. I could repeat many more pleasant things that were said about them, but it is enough to say that any man in the college, or a graduate, can be proud of them."

—Swetman, '07, and Dounce, '10, are ill with the mumps.

Baseball Prospects.

The little out-door practice that the baseball team was able to get in during the week has revealed great excellence of material on which to build this year's varsity. Six men of last season's aggregation still remain in college: Brown, '07, Captain, Cody, Clark, Judson, White and Smith, '08; and these with the material that the Freshman class promises to afford are the foundation of the brightest prospects that a Hamilton baseball team has ever had at this stage of the season. The fact that a coach is to be dispensed with, dims the outlook very slightly. The team, at present, in spite of the poor baseball weather thus far, is in far better batting, fielding, and throwing shape than at this time last year. The acquirement of the team-work will of course require time.

Manager Holley has arranged a splendid schedule. Eight of the thirteen games are to be played on the campus. The contest this afternoon with U. F. A. should have the support of every man in college. Tho this is plainly understood to be a mere practice game in which no attempt whatever is made to play our best men, yet the defeat at U. F. A.'s hands last year by the score of 1-0 should be vindicated, and a hearty support will do much to inspire winning ball into the team. It is Captain Brown's plan to have as many men as possible given a trial during the course of the game, so that some idea of their respective calibers may be arrived at.

The season's schedule follows:

- 20—U. F. A. at Clinton.
- 24—Auburn at Clinton.
- 27—Syracuse at Syracuse.
- May 1—St. Lawrence at Clinton.
- 8—Hobart at Clinton.
- 9—Colgate at Hamilton.
- 11—Union at Schenectady.
- 16—Middlebury at Clinton.
- 22—Rochester at Rochester.
- 23—Hobart at Geneva.
- 25—Rochester at Clinton.
- 31—Union at Clinton.
- June 5—Colgate at Clinton.

—Holmes, '08, has gone home suffering with lumbago.